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IN INFLAMED ADENOID
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interviews on February 16, 2007 and February 20, 2007, between Examiner Mertz and Applicant's representative, Scott McBride, regarding the above-referenced application. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of February 23, 2007, of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely filed response.

Examiner Mertz called Applicants' representative on February 16, 2007 to discuss the case. The Examiner indicated that the Amendment dated January 12, 2007 [hereinafter "the Amendment"] had overcome all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner indicated that she would review further the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103 over *Li et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,174,995) in view of the Amendment which omitted recitation of the term "variant" from the claims. The Examiner and Applicants' representative scheduled a teleconference on February 20, 2007 to discuss further the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103.

In the teleconference on February 20, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103 had been overcome by the Amendment. The Examiner indicated that she shortly would issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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